

Juvenile Justice Commission
of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2018 Inspection Report

2017 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

0	# Secure detentions OVER 6 hours
0	# Secure detentions UNDER 6 hours
0	# Non-secure detentions OVER 6 hours
96	# Non-secure detentions UNDER 6 hours

Authority: Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 209(b), a judge of the juvenile court shall conduct an annual inspection, either in person or through a delegated member of the appropriate county or regional juvenile justice commission, of any law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults which, in the preceding year, was used for the secure detention of any minor.

Facility Name: San Diego Police Dept, Mid-City Div. Date of Inspection: 12/6/2018
Address: 4310 Landis Street Date of Last Inspection: N/A
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Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Kimberlee A. Lagotta
Commission Chair: Amy Lansing
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I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mid-City Division keeps an online record of their detention logs; we reviewed half of the detention logs online and half on paper. Mid-City does not allow any juvenile detention to go over the 6-hour limit, as they do not have any access to secure detention cells, as the cells do not have locks. Mid-City has 2 SRO's, a Detective and a Sergeant in the Juvenile Field Team; they support school police and charter schools within the division. Overall SDPD – Mid-City Division had a total of 96 non-secure detentions and 0 secure detentions.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS (if any):

1. BSCC forms and reporting requirements have recently changed. The JJCPA and WIC §206 and §207 prohibit the Secure detention of status offenders (WIC §601) and nonoffenders (WIC §300/WIC §5150). Any violations must be reported to the BSCC on the Monthly Report on the Detention of Minors. For more information, please refer to the section on Youth in Adult Detention Facilities on the BSCC webpage: http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_fsoservices.php
2. We recommend that Mid-City Division keep a printed copy of each monthly and yearly report of their division detentions on hand for at least two years (current and past) for future juvenile justice jails and locks-up inspections. We also recommend that the division be prepared with blankets and change of clothes should a minor require any spare clothes or need to be warm.

The following questions are used to assess compliance with the state standards governing law enforcement facilities in which minors are held in temporary custody. See Article 9, *Minors in Temporary Custody in a Law Enforcement Facility*, Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations (15 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 1140–1151).

III. CONDITIONS OF DETENTION:

- A. Are minors provided with orientation? Yes No
- B. Are they informed of the purpose of detention? Yes No
- C. Are they told the length of time detention is expected to last? Yes No
- D. Are they informed of the six-hour maximum time limit? Yes No
- E. Inspection Questions for LGBTQ Youth:
 - 1. Are staff trained in basic LGBTQ competency? Yes No
 - 2. Do you ask youth their gender identity and gender pronouns during intake? Yes No
 - 3. How do you work with youth who identify as non-binary, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, neither male nor female? [More training is being done in this area department wide.](#)
 - 4. What safety measures are in place to ensure that LGBTQ youth are safe and protected from harmful encounters? [SDPD Mid-City attends trainings provided by the County District Attorney's Office on trends and protection of LGBTQ Youth. Mid-City never puts youth in the same area as adults. If the youth is not comfortable being in the same cell with others, the division does its best to accommodate. When youth are in the holding area a Juvenile Service Officer is always supervising the area.](#)

IV. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION (e.g. cell/locked room):

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates?
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
- C. Is there constant auditory access to staff? Yes No
- D. Are minors provided with a snack if requested? Yes No
- E. Do minors have access to toilets and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Do minors have access to a drinking fountain or water? Yes No
- G. Are there provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort? Yes No

[Mid-City does not have or hold any secure detentions, however questions were asked and answers were noted.](#)

V. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION OUTSIDE A LOCKED ENCLOSURE:

(this includes minors who are handcuffed to a fixed object such as a rail, bench, chair or table):

- A. Are minors assured no "contact" with adult inmates? Yes No

- B. Is there constant supervision? Yes No
- C. Is there a 30-minute limit and Watch Commander approval every 30 minutes thereafter? Yes No
- D. Are minors placed in cell when one becomes available? Yes No
- E. Do minors have access to toilet and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Is there access to a drinking fountain? Yes No

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VI. CONDITIONS OF NON-SECURE DETENTION:

- A. Is there direct and constant supervision by staff during the entire custody period? Yes No
- B. Are males and females put in same room? Yes No

VII. INTOXICATED MINORS:

- A. Does the facility have written procedures for the handling of minors under the influence of any intoxicating substances? Yes No
- B. Did the facility detain any minors, either secure or non-secure, determined to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance? Yes No

If yes:

- 1. Was medical clearance obtained? Yes No
- 2. Were these detentions documented? Yes No
- 3. If the detention was secure, were there documented safety checks no less than once every 15 minutes? Yes No
- 4. If the detention was non-secure, was the minor in the constant presence of staff? Yes No

5. Who provides medical clearance for these minors? **The facility does not hold any minor who is under the influence or intoxicated; the division takes the minor straight to Children's Hospital for proper care.**

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? Yes No
- B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used? Yes No
- C. Do the detention logs list the offense and reason, which formed the decision to place the minor in secure detention, as well as the length of time the minor, was securely detained? Yes No
- D. Does the facility have signage posted explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure detention of minors? Yes No

IX. ARE THERE INSTANCES IN WHICH A MINOR(S) WAS HELD FOR MORE THAN SIX HOURS? IF YES, LIST THE DATES, STARTING AND ENDING TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR EACH INSTANCE.

N/A

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

N/A